

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1. A method for the manufacture of a substance having an apoptosis-inducing ability characterized in including a step of subjecting at least one compound selected from the following (a), (b), (c) and (d) [excluding uronic acid and/or uronic acid derivatives; and compounds which contain uronic acid and/or uronic acid derivatives] to a heating treatment:

- (a) pentose;
- (b) pentose derivatives;
- (c) compounds containing pentose;
- (d) compounds containing pentose derivatives.